

III. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1.(currently amended) A fastener ~~a recess constructed to have a partial interference fit with an associated driver for removably engaging said driver and said fastener, said fastener~~ having a shank with a longitudinal axis, said shank constructed having the recess formed at its end, wherein said recess comprises: ~~the recess having~~

a central portion and a plurality of wings radiating outwardly _____ from the central portion, each of the wings having an _____ installation wall and a removal wall, the wings being configured so that at least one of the installation or _____ removal walls defines a segment of a spiral over its _____ extent; ~~said recess further comprising:~~

a transition surfaces between each of the said wings connecting said comprising a portion of the installation and removal walls of adjacent wings, where the installation walls join the respective adjacent removal walls at the radially inner most extent of said adjacent installation and removal walls~~said transition surface extending from a top portion of said recess to a bottom portion of said recess;~~

an interference surface constructed as a portion of each of said transition surfaces, said interference surfaces extending outward from the transition surface having a first radial distance from the longitudinal axis at a top portion thereof to a second radial distance from said longitudinal axis at a bottom portion thereof; and

wherein said first radial distance is larger than said second radial distance and wherein ~~said recess is formed having~~ transition surfaces are diametrically opposed across said recess and said interference surfaces on said opposing transition surfaces cooperate to form an interference fit with a driver constructed to engage said recess.

2. (original) The fastener, according to claim 1, wherein said interference surface forms an angle with a line parallel to said longitudinal axis in a range of between .5 degrees to 2 degrees.

3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented) The fastener, according to claim 1, wherein said interference surfaces are constructed to provide an interference fit only at a forward portion of said driver and to allow said driver to have a surface to surface contact with said wings at a rearward portion of said driver.

5. (original) The fastener, according to claim 1, wherein said first radial distance is constructed substantially according to a standard recess opening of a spiral type recess.

6-10. (previously canceled)